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Applicant: Grimm et al. )  
Serial No.: To be assigned )  
Filed: August 8, 2003 )  
For: CLOTHES DRYING APPARATUS )  
AND METHOD OF DRYING )  
CLOTHES )

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.97**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted, under 37 CFR § 1.97 with a new application and prior to the first Office Action on the merits of an application filed pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.53(b). Applicant believes no fee is necessary in connection with the filing of this submission. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 502498, referencing Client/Matter No. 462529-2.

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the items listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (2 sheets, submitted in duplicate) are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Pursuant to the United States Patent and Trademark Office Notice dated July 11, 2003, waiving the requirements under 37 CFR 1.98 (a)(2)(i) to submit a copy of each cited United States Patent and United States Patent Application Publication for U.S. national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the United States Patents and Published Applications referenced in the attached

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Briefly, the relevancy of the items listed on attached Form PTO-1449 is as follows:

United States Patent No. 5,815,961 is relevant to clothes treating cabinets.

United States Patent No. 5,815,944 is relevant to enclosures for drying and storing clothes.

United States Patent No. 5,546,678 is relevant to armoire clothes dryers.

United States Patent No. 5,369,892 is relevant to armoire clothes dryers.

United States Patent No. 4,682,424 is relevant to a clothes drying apparatus.

United States Patent No. 4,180,919 is relevant to clothes drying cabinets and methods of drying clothes.

The Whirlpool Personal Valet Online Marketing materials are relevant to clothes drying cabinets.


The Whirlpool DryAire Drying Cabinet Online Marketing materials are relevant to clothes drying cabinets.

By submission of the enclosed documents herewith, Applicant does not admit that such documents constitute prior art. Applicant reserves the right to show, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.131 or otherwise, that any of the identified patents and publications, and any referenced in the present application are not prior art with respect to the present invention.

Pursuant to the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, Chapter 609, Applicant requests that the Examiner consider each of the listed documents and initial and return to the undersigned a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

Respectfully submitted,

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